The figures for displaced persons from former West and East Pakistan who had migrated to India and were settled with Government assistance, or have settled on their own, are not included for the reason that they are to be taken to have merged in the mainstream of national life and are no longer considered refugees.

ISI Activities in India via Nepal

2905. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Inter-service Intelligence (ISI) of Pakistan has sent highly trained Pakistani and Arab terrorists into the Indian territory via Nepal to establish a country-wide network and support system of subversion and terrorism as has been revealed in a report entitled "New Islamist International" submitted by a task force set up by the U.S. House Republican Research Committee to probe the growing teeth of international trans-border Islamic terrorism;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have so far taken or propose to take to tackle this menace and to bring the U.S. administration round our view that Pakistan is encouraging the terrorism in India and all over the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The ISI has been sending highly trained Pakistani and other mercenaries into the Indian territory to establish a country wide network and support system of subversion and terrorism.

(c) The measures taken by the Government include fencing and flood lighting of vulnerable stretches of the Indo-Pak border, reducing the distance between BOPs, increasing the number of patrols/Nakas, erection of OP Towers, intensification of border patrolling, supply of equipment for effective observation during the day and night, gearing of intelligence machinery, strengthening of BSF etc. The Government have been continuously apprising all friendly Governments, including the United States, of the continuous support in terms of equipment arms and training by Pakistan to terrorists in India. Government have also pronounced that the U.S. decision not to declare Pakistan as a State sponsor of terrorism was "Very strange" as it was not based on objective assessment of facts but on other policy considerations. It has been made clear that our Government is committed to safeguarding India's national interest and ensuring its territorial integrity.

Over Staying of Pak Nationals

2906. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of Pak nationals are overstaying in India either without travel documents or with expired passports;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that many of them either remain untraced or have gone underground;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the presence of such a large number of unlawful elements can pose a serious security threat for India; and

(d) if so, the effective steps being taken to apprehend them and also to strengthen out inteligence network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (b) Yes Sir. As per available informa-